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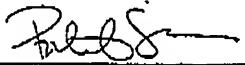
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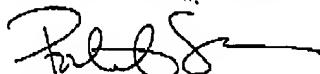
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In particular, the Examiner is advised of U.S. Patent No. 4,876,906 to Jones, which was referred to as a related disclosure in column 1 of the cited reference, Klopfenstein (U.S. Patent No. 4,745,815), applied in the current Office Action. Jones represents recently discovered prior art, which came to the applicant's attention as a result of the current Office Action.

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